

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

AMAZON.COM, INC., a Delaware  
corporation, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DREAM COMET STUDIOS LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. C22-1755RSM

ORDER GRANTING IN PART MOTION  
FOR OVER-LENGTH BRIEFING

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Amazon.com, Inc.’s *ex parte* Motion to file over-length briefing in support of a forthcoming *ex parte* motion for alternative service of process. Dkt. #39. No Defendant has appeared in this case.

“Motions seeking approval to file an over-length motion or brief are disfavored...” LCR 7(f). An *ex parte* motion for alternative service is typically limited to 2,100 words. *See* LCR 7(d)(1); LCR 7(e)(1). Amazon contends it needs “approximately 3,400 additional words, for a total limit of 5,500 words.” Dkt. #39 at 2.

Amazon argues in a single paragraph that the additional briefing is necessary “to provide sufficient explanation of the facts surrounding Plaintiffs’ investigation into Defendants’ identities and whereabouts, as well as the law dictating the circumstances in which this Court may allow for alternative service.” *Id.* According to Amazon, the Defendants in this case have each “gone to great lengths to conceal their identities and locations, thereby requiring diligent investigation by Plaintiffs.... their counsel, and a private investigator, as well as searches of

1 both public information and specialized databases, and early discovery.” *Id.* There are no  
2 further details, explanations, or attached declarations. No legal standard is discussed.

3 Amazon has opened dozens of cases just like this one, seeking alternative service to hunt  
4 down individuals or businesses that used its website to sell goods for months or even years.  
5 Amazon has, at times, been able to file this kind of motion without additional briefing, which is  
6 disfavored. On other occasions, Amazon has requested modest additional briefing.  
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8 Amazon has not shown this case to be particularly unusual. While Amazon may have  
9 pages and pages ready to submit detailing the hunt for Defendants’ true identities and locations,  
10 the Court has no need for all of that in the briefing. Such details can be included in attached  
11 declarations.  
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13 These cases almost always involve multiple defendants. This one appears to have at  
14 least twenty-four. While this number is not discussed by Amazon, the Court can imagine how  
15 setting forth the legal standard and writing even a couple of sentences for each Defendant could  
16 start to push against 2,100 words.  
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18 Accordingly, having reviewed Amazon’s Motion and the remainder of the record, the  
19 Court hereby finds and ORDERS that Amazon’s Motion for Over-length Briefing, Dkt. #39, is  
20 GRANTED IN PART. Amazon has not established good cause for their request to more than  
21 double the typical briefing length. The Court will instead permit 900 additional words for a  
22 total of 3,000 words.  
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24 DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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27 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE